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(Information as of 1200 EST, 12 December 1963)

<u>THE COMMUNIST WORLD</u>	<u>Page</u>
KHRUSHCHEV'S CHEMICAL PROGRAM The program outlined in his speech before this week's central committee plenum will require a significant redirection of the soviet economy. Its adoption, normally a virtually pro forma procedure, will provide a demonstration of Khrushchev's political strength.	1 OK
MOSCOW SHIFTS TACTICS IN STRUGGLE WITH PEIPING Failure to rally support for a new world Communist meeting to condemn Peiping seems to have led the Soviets to initiate a self-imposed pause in the polemics, but the Chinese have not reciprocated.	3 OK 25X1
MONGOLIAN RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA WORSEN Mongolia's unprecedented diplomatic protest to Peiping over "outbursts" by Chinese personnel in Ulan Bator will accelerate a deterioration of relations resulting from Mongolia's pro-Moscow position.	4 OK 25X1
GHEORGHIU-DEJ'S VISIT WITH TITO The Rumanian leader's choice of Yugoslavia for his first visit to an East European state since 1961 shows his middle-of-the-road position in the Communist world and Moscow's tolerance of such a stance.	5 OK
POLISH PLENUM INDICATES ECONOMIC CHANGES Plans for 1964-65 show increased emphasis on agriculture and some shifts in investments. Little relief is in sight for the consumer in 1964.	6 25X1
UPSURGE IN SOVIET MILITARY AID DELIVERIES Numerous shipments in recent weeks reflect the implementation of new military aid agreements as well as maintenance and modernization under long-established programs.	7 OK
<u>ASIA-AFRICA</u>	
ORDERLY CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IN THAILAND Following the death of Marshal Sarit, the premiership passed smoothly to his equally pro-Western successor, but maneuvering around key power positions has begun.	8 OK 25X1

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ASIA-AFRICA (continued)

COMMUNISTS INCREASE CAPABILITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM

Although the pace of their military activity has subsided from last month's record high, the Viet Cong still show a capability to develop improved tactics and to maintain a supply of weapons and trained leaders from the north.

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AREA NOTES

On Iraq-Syria and Morocco-Algeria

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DAHOMY'S POLITICAL SITUATION STILL UNSTABLE

Dahomean labor leaders who precipitated the overthrow of the government last October continue to exert strong political and economic pressure. A scheduled constitutional referendum has been canceled without explanation.

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EUROPE

EEC MINISTERS WEIGHING AGRICULTURE AND TRADE ISSUES

The settlement of difficult agricultural questions is complicated by their close connection with EEC participation in the 1964 tariff talks envisioned by the US Trade Expansion Act.

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De Gaulle seems to have given up the idea of seeking a second term in a special vote this spring, but his opponents are already trying to agree on a candidate to oppose him in the regular election due in 1965.	OK
NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BEGINS ITS WORK	14
The first major test for the center-left coalition will probably be its ability to cope with urgent economic problems in the face of stepped-up, Communist-promoted labor unrest.	OK

LABOR UNREST IN ICELAND	15
Wage increases demanded by Communist-dominated labor unions would endanger the government's economic stabilization program and impose new inflationary pressures.	OK

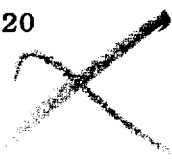
WESTERN HEMISPHERE

PRESENT PROSPECTS FOR OAS ACTION ON CUBA	16
While Venezuela's strong case, now before an investigating committee, may be supported by a majority of OAS members, unanimity is unlikely in view of Brazil's and Mexico's opposition and the influence of these two on the fence straddlers.	
CUBAN DRIVE TO INCREASE TRADE WITH WESTERN EUROPE	17
Castro's recent overtures to the ambassadors of Italy, Britain, and France reflect his desire to increase trade with these countries as well as to obtain the services of Western technicians.	OK 25X1

DEVELOPMENTS IN BOLIVIA	18
The miners' defiance of the government has brought about an open break between President Paz and the miners' champion, Vice President Lechin, and could lead to a bloody showdown.	OK

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<u>WESTERN HEMISPHERE (continued)</u>	<u>Page</u>
CONTINUING POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN BRAZIL Renewed rightist plotting and leftist agitation are contributing to the deteriorating political situation, but President Goulart has shown no sign of acting to reduce tension.	19 OK
SITUATION IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REMAINS UNEASY Pro-Castro guerrilla bands, while not an immediate threat to the military-installed regime, may eventually draw support from moderate leftists who fear rightist domination will prevent impartial elections.	20 

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